

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

May 10, 2007, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 28, 2007, and the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2007.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, Commending James Ribeiro, an employee in the DPW, who has served our nation with valor in Iraq.
4. Citation By Ald. Trane and the Entire Board, Commending the Little League of Somerville at the start of the 2007 season.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

5. Resolution By Ald. Desmond, That this Board requests that the owner of 56 Clyde St. provide a security detail until the zoning is decided, noting that this does not limit the City Solicitor from seeking remedies deemed appropriate by the Fire Dept. and Inspection Services and approved by the court.
6. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD inspect Walnut St. from Sargent Ave. to Pearl St. for violations of the trash ordinance.
7. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol at the laundry on Freemont St. and cite vehicles violating the ordinance pertaining to the idling of vehicles.
8. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works add Marshall St. to the list of streets to be repaved in FY08.

9. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce parking regulations at Stimpson Sq., especially on street sweeping days.
10. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking perform a traffic study around Bryant Manor to determine the effects of making Myrtle St. one way from Perkins to Pearl Sts., and recommend measures to slow vehicular traffic there.
11. Order By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, That the Director of SPCD inform this Board when the Safe Start report will be completed, including senior citizen buildings and the Brick Bottom area.
12. Order By Ald. Sullivan, Roche and White, That the City Arborists explain in writing to the Ward 1 Alderman why the dead tree at 240 Pearl St. has not been removed.
13. Order By Ald. Roche, That Director of Traffic and Parking determine if the sign for the driveway at 240 Pearl St. may be changed to a TOW ZONE sign.
14. Order By Ald. Roche, That Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign located at the corner of Garfield Ave. and Broadway.
15. Resolution By Ald. Roche, That this Board requests that the State Delegation direct the MA Highway Dept. and/or DCR to install lighting in the Gilman St. bridge, under McGrath Hwy., for public safety purposes.
16. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Chief of Police order directed patrols on Gilman St., under the McGrath Hwy., as neighbors have reported youths hanging around and harassing passersby.
17. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works and/or the Director of Traffic and Parking hire a summer intern to inspect wheelchair sidewalk ramps in and around several blocks of all senior homes and senior centers, to ensure they are compliant.
18. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the sidewalk at 14 Ames St.
19. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact MA Highway District 4 to replace two street signs on the bridge that are currently down, that illustrated a side street on each side of the bridge.

20. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD inspect the barrel garage at 58 Albion St. for safety issues, rodents and wildlife.
21. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing Alpine St. sign at Cedar St.
22. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police reinstitute an ongoing STOP & WALK patrol around the Prospect Hill Park and Monument.
23. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, That the Dedication Committee consider naming the corner of Westwood Rd. and Central St. in memory of Ms. Isobel Cheney.
24. Resolution By Ald. Trane, White, Sullivan, Taylor and the Entire Board, Expressing opposition to the proposed Boston University Bio Lab.
25. Order By Ald. White and Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street sign at the corner of Forster and Sycamore Sts.
26. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the City Clerk request that a representative of Russell Disposal appear before this Board to respond to the following concerns: throwing trash cans, speeding down streets, and collecting trash before 7 AM.
27. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD advise the proprietors of the parking lot at Holland and Wallace Sts. that they must consistently clean and maintain the lot so trash and debris doesn't build up.
28. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works plant a tree at 17 Irving St.
29. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works request that the MBTA remove abandoned bike locks on the bike rack at the Davis Sq. T station on College Ave.
30. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking erect a sign alerting drivers that there is a crosswalk at the intersection of the Davis Sq. T station and Holland St. and advise them to drive carefully.
31. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works direct Russell Disposal to pick up the large wood panels at 73 Bay State Ave., and that the Director of SPCD appropriately ticket this violation.

32. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works send a crew to remove any broken glass and debris in Powderhouse Park.
33. Order By Ald. White and Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 9-11 Wheatland St.
34. Order By Ald. White and Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the raised sidewalk panel at 11 Forster St.
35. Order By Ald. White and Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the street signs Wheatland St. and Broadway.
36. Order By Ald. Roche, Pero, Sullivan and White, That Lt. Stanford and Sgt. McCain of Community Policing coordinate a meeting with the Ward 1 and Ward 4 Aldermen and the Foss Park Neighborhood Association to discuss recent incidents around Foss Park, including gang activity and day laborers.
37. Order By Ald. Heuston and Sullivan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint the word STOP and paint the crosswalks at Linwood St. and Somerville Ave. Ext., and erect a STOP AHEAD sign under the overpass on Somerville Ave. Ext.
38. Order By Ald. Heuston and Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact NStar to replace the missing lamp post at Linwood and Fitchburg Sts.
39. Order By Ald. Heuston and Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works assess the need for a catch basin on Poplar St. at the Waste Management entrance, to fix drainage issues.
40. Order By Ald. Heuston and Sullivan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking formally request a traffic study from DCR to address issues of pedestrian safety.
41. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the City Solicitor draft a Home Rule Petition to give the city jurisdiction over MA Highway and DCR roadways that border the city.
42. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD direct Waste Management to better manage the queing of vehicles and the parking of vehicles on the wrong side of the street.
43. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD direct the owner of the Glass Stop to relocate the outdoor storage facility so it doesn't interfere with pedestrians, and determine if it is properly permitted.

- 44. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify NStar to repair the streetlight at 72 Properzi Way, as it is on 24 hours per day.

- 45. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking erect a sign and paint a yellow divider line on Dane St. to control vehicles driving down the hill on the street.

- 46. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the sidewalks, or lack thereof, at Joy, Poplar, Linwood and Charlestown Sts. to determine where sidewalks, sidewalk repairs, or curb cuts are needed, and inform the Ward 2 Alderman when work can be completed.

- 47. Comm. By President Trane, Cancelling the regular meetings of this Board scheduled for July 12 and August 23, 2007.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 48. Committee Report of the Committee on Senior Services, April 30.
Report

- 49. Committee Report of the Committee on Land Use, May 1.
Report

- 50. Committee Report of the Committee on Public Health and Public
Report Safety, May 3.

- 51. Committee Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, May 8.
Report

- 52. Committee Report of the Committee on Information Technology, May
Report 8.

- 53. Committee Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, May 8.
Report

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 54. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of an amendment to Ordinance 2006-13 to place the Library Director into the Executive Grade Level I category.

- 55. Mayor's Request Requesting authorization to borrow \$989,175 from the MWRA for participation in the MWRA Infiltration/Inflow Local Financial Assistance program, and expend an \$809,325 MWRA grant under the same program.
- 56. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$90,000 in the DPW Sewer Enterprise, from the Sewer OM Catch Basin Disposals Acct. to the Sewer Capital Street & Sidewalk Repairs Acct.
- 57. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$3,400 from the SomerStat PS Salaries Acct. to the SomerStat OM Professional & Technical Services Acct.
- 58. Mayor's Request Requesting the transfer of \$3,300 from the Executive PS Salaries Acct. to the Executive OM Professional & Technical Services Acct.
- 59. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Steven MacEachern as Superintendent of Highways, Lights & Lines.
- 60. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of T. F. Scott Darling III to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- 61. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Al Rubio to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- 62. Mayor's Comm. Conveying the receipt of \$1,000,000 from Federal Realty Investment Trust under the Assembly Sq. covenants.
- 63. Mayor's Comm. Proclaiming the month of May, 2007, as "Older Americans Month."

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 64. Officer's Comm. Assistant City Solicitor responding to #183127 re: Update on MBTA Billboard Litigation.
- 65. Officer's Comm. Chief of Police responding to various Board Orders.
- 66. Officer's Comm. Director of SPCD responding to various Board Orders.

NEW BUSINESS

- 67. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Arts Council Windows Art Project, various Union Sq. locations, May 17-June 17.
- 68. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Dee Zuccaro Memorial 5K Kids Fun Run, 616 Broadway, May 20, 11AM.

69. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Bad Habit Players' "365 Project"
 Plays and Improv., Davis Sq. Statue Park, May 20, 12-4PM.

70. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, MA Federation Farmers' Market,
 Day & Herbert St. parking lot, Wednesdays May 23-Nov.
 21, 12-6PM.

71. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Logan VFW Post Poppy Drive,
 McGrath Hwy. & Foodmaster, May 24-26, 9-5PM

72. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Meacham Rd. Block Party, June
 3, 3-6PM (raindate June 10).

73. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Union Sq. Farmers Market,
 Union Sq. Plaza, Saturdays June 9-Oct. 31, 7-3PM.

74. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Care Fair Health Fair,
 Powderhouse Park, June 10, 11-3PM.

75. Drainlayer New Drain Layer's License, Environic Solutions.

76. Outdoor Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, True Grounds, 717
Seating Broadway, 4 Tables & 8 Chairs.

77. Outdoor Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, Eddie's Furniture, 95
Seating Elm St., Goods on sidewalk.

78. Extended Renewal of Extended Retail Hours Permit, Maxi Drug Inc.
Retail Hrs dba Brooks Pharmacy #571, 14 McGrath Hwy., 24/7.

79. Junk Renewal of Junk Dealer License, Eddie's Furniture, 95 Elm
 St.

80. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Henley Enterprises Inc.
 dba Valvoline, 182 Washington Sts., 3,000 gallons.

81. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Green Automotive, 85
 Foley St., 27,000 gallons.

82. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Vicente Bros. Inc., 343-
 345 Medford St., 20,500 gallons.

83. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Simon's Auto Service, 166
 Boston Ave., 18,150 gallons.

84. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Mobil Mart Plus Inc., 379-
 387 Alewife Brook Parkway, 33,450 gallons.

85. Flammable Renewal of Flammable License, Somerville Citco Inc., 620
 Broadway, 36,000 gallons.

86. Garage New Garage License, Original Auto Body and Mechanic Inc., 12-16 Joy St., 10 autos.
87. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Brasil Auto Repair, 621 Somerville Ave., 2 autos.
88. Garage Renewal of Garage License, JVM Corp. dba U Call We Haul, 9R Sherman St., 10 autos.
89. Garage Renewal of Garage License, GoodYear Auto Service Center #0354, 1 Bow St., 6 autos.
90. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Mac's Auto Body Inc., 53-55 Russell St., 18 autos.
91. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Vicente Bros. Inc., 343-345 Medford St., 7 autos.
92. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Flores Auto Repair, 6D Beach Ave., 4 autos.
93. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Ideal Engine Rebuilders Inc., 96 Dover St., 40 autos.
94. Garage Renewal of Garage License, BH Towing & Auto Service, 13 Joy St., 10 autos.
95. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Green Automotive Inc., 85 Foley St., 5 autos.
96. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Henley Enterprises Inc. dba Valvoline Oil, 182 Washington St., 6 autos.
97. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Mike's Auto Services, 6E Beach Ave., 5 autos.
98. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Circuit City Stores Inc., 65 Mystic Ave., 3 autos.
99. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Drain Doctor Inc., 612 Broadway, 25 autos.
100. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Fred M. Susan & Sons Auto Repair, 267-269 Somerville Ave., 12 autos.
101. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Somerville Auto Repair, 453 Somerville Ave., 9 autos.
102. Garage Renewal of Garage License, Hillside Jaguar Inc., dba Hillside Service, 45 Mystic Ave., 10 autos.

- 103. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Roly Cab Inc., Med. #17.
- 104. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, DRQ Taxi Inc., Med. #27.
- 105. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, J & J Tran. Inc., Med. #74.
- 106. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, Somerville Taxi, Med. #66.
- 107. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, SLS Transportation, Med. #75.
- 108. Taxi Med Renewal of Taxi Medallion, SLS Transportation, Med. #76.
- 109. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co. 00 Elm St.,
5 taxis.
- 110. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 255 Elm
St., 2 taxis.
- 111. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 236
Highland Ave., 3 taxis.
- 112. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 1 Davis
Sq., 4 taxis.
- 113. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 121
Broadway, 2 taxis.
- 114. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 295
Broadway, 6 taxis.
- 115. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 503
Broadway, 2 taxis.
- 116. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 22-26
Union Sq., 3 taxis.
- 117. Taxi Stand Renewal of Taxi Stand License, Green Cab Co., 30
Washington St., 4 taxis.
- 118. Comm. Senator Barrios and Senator Jehlen, presenting the State
Senate's FY08 budget proposal.

LATE ITEMS